

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A hand saw, comprising:

a handle including a hand grip portion and first and second blade mounting portions, said first blade mounting portion being disposed on a side surface of said handle and said second blade mounting portion being disposed on a bottom surface of said handle; and

a blade adapted to be removably mounted to either of said first and second blade mounting portions,

wherein said handle is a single, integrally formed member,

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a screw boss for receiving a blade mounting screw therein, and

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a key adapted to be received in an end slot in said blade.

4. (Currently Amended) A hand saw, comprising:
a handle including a hand grip portion and first and second blade
mounting portions, said first blade mounting portion being disposed on a side surface of
said handle and said second blade mounting portion being disposed on a bottom
surface of said handle, each of said first and second blade mounting portions including
a screw boss; and
a blade adapted to be removably mounted to either one of said first and
second blade mounting portions; and [[.]]

a blade mounting screw removably engaged with said screw boss of said
one of said first and second blade mounting portions so as to couple said blade to said
handle.

wherein said handle is a single, integrally formed member, and
wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a key
adapted to be received in an end slot in said blade.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The hand saw according to claim 3, wherein said handle
includes a hook member for hanging said hand saw.

7-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A hand saw comprising:
a handle including a hand grip portion and first and second blade
mounting portions, said hand grip portion defining an inner surface, said first blade
mounting portion being disposed on a side surface of said handle and said second
blade mounting portion being disposed on a bottom surface of said handle; and
a blade adapted to be removably mounted to either one of said first and
second blade mounting portions and extending in a first direction away from said
handle.[[;]]

wherein said inner surface of said hand grip portion is oriented at an acute
angle relative to said first direction, and

wherein said first and second blade mounting portions each include a key
adapted to be received in an end slot in said blade.

24. (New) The hand saw according to claim 4, wherein said blade is secured relative to said handle in each of a lengthwise direction of said blade, a widthwise direction of said blade, and a depthwise direction of said blade by a positive engagement of said blade with one or more of said handle and said blade mounting screw.

25. (New) The hand saw according to claim 24, wherein said handle includes a hook member for hanging said hand saw.